

GIPPING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR 1960

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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1969.

With regard to the Vital Statistics it will be seen that the estimated home population of the District has increased by 610. The Standardised Birth Rate has shown a marked increase to 20.3 per 1,000 population whilst the National Rate has fallen slightly to 16.3. The Stillbirth Rate and the Infant Mortality Rate have also increased.

The Standardised Death Rate (10.6) shows a slight increase over that of 1968 (10.2), but it remains well below the National figure of 11.9.

The number of cases of Measles notified to me has fallen slightly, and this may be partly due to the introduction of Measles vaccination. There is nothing of note to report on other notifiable infectious diseases which occurred in the District.

Examination of the list of Classified Causes of Death reveals another large increase in the number of persons dying from Cancer of the Lung. In 1967 there were 5 deaths from this disease; in 1968 12 deaths and in 1969 19 deaths. 18 of the victims were men and one was a woman. This is brought about because at the present time there is a larger proportion of men who have been heavy cigarette smokers, over a period of 20 years or more, than of women. However, as the number of ladies who have smoked heavily for a number of years increases, their death rate from Lung Cancer will gradually rise.

Ischaemic (Coronary) Heart disease has also caused more people to die. In 1967 there were 38 deaths, in 1968 51 deaths and in 1969, 66 deaths. This disease, together with Lung Cancer and Deaths on the Roads are the three great killers of our time.

However, if we look back to past history, we should be encouraged by what we see. One hundred years ago one out of every four children died before the age of 20. Today this figure has been reduced to one out of 100.

In 1935, 3,690 infants and young children were killed by Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever. During the most recent full year for which figures are available there were only 18 deaths from these diseases.

One hundred years ago child mortality in England and Wales was 150 per thousand. In 1953 it is estimated that 10,000 children die each year from all causes. It is estimated that medical medicines have enabled 10,000 lives to be saved each year from Smallpox. Poliomyelitis cases have been reduced from 32,000 people in 1947 to 1,000 in 1953. Following the introduction of vaccination against Whooping Cough it has almost completely disappeared. Apart from the reduction of birth suffering, the achievements of medicine from the programme of Preventive Medicine are impressive. It is often reiterated that in Great Britain the immunization services have saved the treatment cost of penicillins and similar drugs in England and Wales, £10 million a year by reducing the demand for hospital beds. The modern science of medical illness has revolutionized the outlook for sufferers. Many drugs have enabled many patients, who ten or fifteen years ago have been condemned to spend the rest of their lives in a mental hospital, to take their place again in society and to lead useful, happy lives.

So we should not be despondent when we consider the three great killers of today - Lung Cancer, Coronary Heart Disease and Road Accidents. But neither should we be complacent. They will only be overcome by a team effort: by the combined efforts of Research Workers, Doctors and the Man in the Street. The Research Workers will continue to search out the causes and the cure, the Medical Profession will try to prevent and treat the first two of the Killers, and to the best of our ability, and the Public, what can they do? I think that they can do a great deal. They can take note of advice which is given about factors which encourage these Killers to develop. They can avoid heavy smoking, excess eating, have a reasonable amount of physical exercise, and they must take care on the roads. If the public do not co-operate in this team effort the three Killers will never be fully overcome, for however successful the Research Workers and the Doctors are in their various tasks it can only be by the effort of each individual to live a healthy and active kind of life that the balance will be tipped and the battle won.

I should like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support.

I am also grateful to the Chief Public Health Inspector and his staff, and to all the staff of the Health Department for their co-operation and the enthusiastic way in which they have carried out their various duties.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

G. H. KING

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	78,464 acres
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	25,650
Rateable Value	£681,415
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£2,839

BIRTHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	220	203	423
Legitimate	212	196	408
Illegitimate	8	7	15

STILLBIRTHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	4	1	5
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-

LIVE BIRTH RATE

Total live and stillbirths	428
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	16.5
Comparability factor	1.23
Standardised birth rate	20.3
Illegitimate birth rate (per cent of total live births)	4
Birth rate England and Wales	16.3
Stillbirth rate (per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	12
Stillbirth rate England and Wales	13
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.25

INFANT MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under one year.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	5	3	8
Legitimate	4	3	7
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Deaths of infants under four weeks.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	5	1	6
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Deaths of infants under one week.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	5	1	6
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	.....	.....	19
Infant mortality rate England and Wales	.....	.....	18
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate births	.....	.....	17
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate births	.....	.....	67
Neo-natal mortality rate	.....	.....	14
Early Neo-natal mortality rate	.....	.....	14
Perinatal mortality rate	.....	.....	25

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Number of deaths	....	....	....	....	....	1
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	....	....	....	....	....	2.3

DEATHS

All cases	....	....	....	....	Total	272
					Male	141
					Female	131

Crude death rate per 1,000 population	....	....	....	....	10.6
Comparability factor	....	....	....	....	1.00
Standardised death rate	....	....	....	....	10.6
Death rate England and Wales	....	....	....	....	11.9
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate	....	....	....	....	0.89

TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE (per 1,000 population)

East Suffolk County	....	....	....	....	0.02
Gipping Rural District	....	....	....	....	0.07

CANCER DEATH RATE (per 1,000 population)

East Suffolk County	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.03
Gipping Rural District	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.4

COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Estimated population	20,800	21,830	22,650	23,800	25,040	25,650
Live births	366	379	409	426	409	423
Crude birth rate	17.6	17.36	18.06	17.9	16.3	16.5
Standardised birth rate	19.01	18.74	19.5	21.66	16.4	20.3
Total infant deaths	6	7	10	7	7	8
Infant mortality rate	16.39	18.47	24.45	18.3	17.0	19.0
Total deaths	216	217	263	195	271	272
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	10.38	9.94	11.61	8.2	10.8	10.6
Standardised death rate	8.72	7.85	10.0	8.2	10.2	10.6

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH (Registrar General's Figures)

	M	F	Total 1969	Total 1968
Tuberculosis - other	1	-	1	-
Other infective and parasitic disease	-	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - oesophagus	1	1	2	-
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	4	2	6	2
Malignant neoplasm - intestines	2	5	7	-
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	18	1	19	12
Malignant neoplasm - breast	-	5	5	6
Malignant neoplasm - uterus	-	3	3	1
Malignant neoplasm - prostate	4	-	4	-
Leukaemia	1	1	2	1
Other malignant neoplasms etc	7	8	15	24
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	-	1	1	1
Asthma	1	-	1	-

	M	F	Total 1969	Total 1968
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-	1	5
Mental disorders	-	-	-	1
Meningitis	-	-	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system etc	1	2	3	8
Active Rheumatic Fever	-	-	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	3	2	5	5
Hypertensive Disease	-	3	3	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease	34	32	66	51
Other forms of heart disease	9	7	16	20
Cerebrovascular Disease	17	26	43	39
Other disease of circulatory system	7	6	13	18
Influenza	-	2	3	2
Pneumonia	-	-	22	31
Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	-	7	10
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	1	4
Peptic Ulcer	3	-	4	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	-	1	1
Other diseases of digestive system	-	-	-	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-	3
Hyperplasia of Prostrate	1	-	1	2
Other diseases of Genito-Urinary system	1	-	1	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal system	-	-	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	1	2	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc	1	-	1	1
Other cases of perinatal mortality	4	1	5	-
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	-	2	2	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	-	3	3
All other accidents	1	-	1	4
Suicide and self inflicted injuries	-	1	1	-
	141	131	272	271

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS)

PERIOD DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1969

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	4	-	2	-	11	8	13	6	4	7	4	2	61
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	4	-	2	3	11	9	13	10	4	8	4	2	70

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1969

	Age in years										
	0-1	2-5	3-4	5-10	10-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65+	Not known	To date
Acute											
Echovirus	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Acute											
Meningitis	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Food											
Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Infective											
Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	3	7	5	8	11	25	-	1	-	-	61
Whooping											
Cough	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	3
Total	3	9	5	9	11	26	3	2	1	-	70

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES TOTALS FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS

Disease	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	3
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	-	2	1	-
Dysentery	44	2	7	15	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-	3	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	2	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	1	1	2	-
Measles	152	170	239	340	70	6
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	1	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	2	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	2	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	3	24	16	15	7	-
Whooping Cough	5	3	13	8	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

(1) New Cases Notified

Pulmonary (lungs)	Male 1	Female nil
Non-Pulmonary (Glands, bones, joints)	Male nil	Female nil

(2) Ages of new cases

Pulmonary	Male 71	Female nil
Non-Pulmonary	Male nil	Female nil

(3) Inward Transfers

Pulmonary	Male 1	Female 1
Non-Pulmonary	Male nil	Female nil

(4) Cases crossed-off register as recovered during the year

Pulmonary	Male 2	Female 1
Non-Pulmonary	Male nil	Female nil

(5) Died during the year

Pulmonary	Male nil	Female nil
Non-Pulmonary	Male 1	Female nil

(6) Outward Transfers

Pulmonary	Male nil	Female nil
Non-Pulmonary	Male nil	Female nil

(7) Cases on Register at end of year

Pulmonary	Male 17	Female 13
Non-Pulmonary	Male 5	Female 8

(8) Tuberculosis Notification Rate (per 1,000 population)

East Suffolk County	....	....	....	0.75
Gipping Rural District	....	....	....	0.07

(9) Statistics for the past six years

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Primary Notifications	6	1	4	5	3	1
Transfers In	1	1	1	3	3	2
Notification Rater per 1,000 population	0.29	0.05	0.18	0.21	0.12	0.07
Deaths	nil	nil	2	1	2	1
Death Rate per 1,000 population	nil	nil	0.04	0.05	0.08	0.07

FOOD POISONING

(1) Notifications (corrected) returned to the Registrar General

<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>
nil	nil	1	nil

Total cases - 1

(2) Outbreaks due to identified agents

Total outbreaks - nil Total cases - nil

Outbreaks due to:-

- (a) Chemical Poisons nil
- (b) Salmonella Organisms nil
- (c) Staphylococci (including toxin) nil
- (d) Cl. Botulinum nil
- (e) Other bacteria nil

(3) Outbreaks of undiscovered cause

Total outbreaks - nil Total cases - nil

(4) Single Cases

- Agent identified - 1
- Agent unknown - nil
- Total cases - 1

VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNISATIONS (Figures kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health)

(1) Vaccination Against Smallpox

(a) Number of primary vaccinations in 1969	=	191
(b) Number of revaccinations in 1969	=	28

(2) Immunisation

Number of persons receiving immunisation in 1969 for:-

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Booster</u>
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	175	302
Diphtheria/Tetanus	3	358
Tetanus	37	91
Salk Polio	-	1
Sabin Polio	183	636
Measles	240	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

Action was taken under Section 47 of this Act to secure the removal of one man (Mr. E.A.L.) to hospital and another (Mr. A.L.) to one of the County Council's Old People's Homes.

WATER SUPPLIES

(a) Public Supplies - Bacteriological Examination

Samples from our mains and borewells were as follows:-

Satisfactory	73
Unsatisfactory	2

(b) Private Supplies - Bacteriological Examination

1. <u>Borewells</u>	Satisfactory	16
	Unsatisfactory	13
2. <u>Deep-wells</u>	Satisfactory	1
	Unsatisfactory	-
3. <u>Shallow-wells</u>	Satisfactory	2
	Unsatisfactory	1
4. Pond Supply	Satisfactory	-
	Unsatisfactory	-

(c) The number of dwelling houses supplied from public mains is given below according to parish distribution:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Laid on to properties</u>	<u>Taken from standpipes</u>
Ashbocking	82	4
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	42	-
Badley	15	-
Barham	285	-
Barking	100	-
Battisford	121	-
Baylham	65	-
Bramford	731	-
Buxhall	98	-
Claydon	486	-
Coddenham	157	-
Combs	155	-
Creeting St. Mary	215	1
Creeting St. Peter	51	-
Crowfield	79	-
Debenham	406	3
Flowton	26	-
Framnsden	96	-
Gipping	10	-
Gosbeck	57	-
Great Blakenham	149	-
Great Bricett	37	-
Great Finborough	129	-
Harleston	53	-
Haughley	348	1
Helmingham	60	-
Hemingstone	46	-
Henley	154	1
Little Blakenham	68	-
Little Finborough	13	-
Mickfield	34	1
Needham Market	682	-
Nettlestead	26	-
Offton	74	-
Old Newton	207	-
Onehouse	180	-
Pettaugh	54	-
Ringshall	61	-
Shelland	19	-
Somersham	207	-
Stonham Aspal	136	5

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Laid on to properties</u>	<u>Taken from standpipe</u>
Stonham Earl	143	-
Stonham Parva	89	2
Stowupland	629	-
Wetherden	137	-
Whitton	10	-
Willisham	65	-
Winstcn	44	-
 Totals	 7,131	 18

WELL WATER CYANOSIS

Number of samples taken in 1969	.....	.....	3
Number considered safe	.....	.....	3
Number considered doubtful	.....	.....	-
Number considered unsafe	.....	.....	-

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

153 inspections of registered food premises were made during the year.

Statistics relating to registration under the Act are:-

Ice Cream - 48 Sausages etc - 6 Fish Frying - 3

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

<u>Type of Food Premises</u>	<u>No. of Premises</u>
Bakeries	4
Cafes	7
Canteens	6
Clubs	4
Food Factories	4
Food Shops	80
Hotels	1
Public Houses	45

Meat Inspection

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS	BOARS PIGS SOWS
Number killed and inspected	912	263	82	467	105340
<u>All diseases except</u>					
<u>Tuberculosis and</u>					
<u>Cystercerosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	15	18	4	7	665
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	105	55	14	43	30404
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis or cystercerosis	11.5	20.9	16.1	9.2	28.8
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	2621
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	2.5

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS	BOARS PIGS SOWS
<u>Cystercerosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned		-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration -		-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned		-	-	-	-

Freshly slaughtered meat found to be unsound at the time of inspection is stained with green dye and collected for processing by Contractors.

Poultry Inspection

- (i) Number of poultry processing premises within the district 4
- (ii) Number of visits to poultry processing premises 211
- (iii) Total number of birds processed during the year 3,054,120
- (iv) Types of birds processed -

Turkeys	788
Ducks	nil
Hens	472,296
Broilers	2,509,036
Capon	72,000
- (v) Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption 0.5
- (vi) Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption 68,000 lbs

Biological Examination of Milk

By agreement with the East Suffolk County Council, Public Health Officers are responsible for the routine sampling for examination of all milk supplied in this Rural District. In cases where infection is found restraint notices are served.

Examination of Milk Supplies

<u>Statutory</u>	28 samples taken.	All results satisfactory.
<u>Chemical Analysis</u>	7 samples taken.	All results satisfactory.
<u>Biological</u>	22 samples taken.	All results satisfactory.
<u>Antibiotics</u>	29 samples taken.	All results satisfactory.

HOUSING

Summary of Housing Activities

Number of houses inspected	77
Number found unsatisfactory	66
Number rendered fit by -	
(a) informal action	66
(b) action under Public Health Act	nil
(c) action under Housing Act	nil
Number of Demolition Orders secured	9
Number of dwellings included in Clearance Areas secured	nil
Number of dwellings demolished under Demolition Orders	12
Number of dwellings demolished under Clearance Orders	nil
Number of dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders were made	7
Housing Act 1949 - Number of Improvement Grants (Discretionary and Standard) approved	91

I am indebted to Mr. M.B. Gowers, Engineer and Surveyor, for the following reports:-

(a) Council Houses

Completed	nil
Under construction (31.12.69)	6
Total completed (post war)	890

(b) Private Houses (Permanent)

Completed	122
Under construction (31.12.69)	109
Total completed (post war)	2,549

(c) Private Houses (Temporary)

Completed	nil
Under construction (31.12.69)	nil
Total completed (post war)	27

Grand total of Housing Units completed in the post-war period to 31st December, 1969, is therefore, 3,439.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The position at the end of the year was as follows:-

Schemes in progress - Barham
 Bayham
 Great Finborough extension
 Haughley and Wetherden
 Onehouse
 Somersham and Little Blakenham

Schemes contemplated - Combs and Battisford
 Creeting Bottoms, Creeting St. Mary
 Crowfield
 Haughley Green
 Ringshall and Great Bricett
 Stowupland extension

FACTORIES ACT 1961

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are enforced	2	2	nil	nil

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced	95	17	2	nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced	10	6	nil	nil
Total	107	25	2	nil

(2) Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	2	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	2	-	2	-

No outworkers were reported during the year.

